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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Barry Lee Jones,

Petitioner,

V.

Ryan Thornell, et al,

Respondents.

No. CV-01-00592-TUC-TMB

DEATH PENALTY CASE

ORDER

On November 6, 2001, Petitioner Barry Lee Jones instituted federal habeas proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, et seq., for the purpose of seeking relief from his state court convictions and death sentence. (Doc. 1.)

On April 19, 2023, the parties entered into a Stipulated Settlement Agreement, approved by the Court (Doc. 377), agreeing to dismiss Jones's petition for writ of habeas corpus when the terms of the settlement agreement were satisfied, and Jones was released from custody by the state court. (Doc. 377)

On June 15, 2023, the terms of the settlement agreement were satisfied when the state court vacated Jones's convictions and sentences pursuant to an uncontested state court petition for post-conviction relief, accepted Jones's guilty plea to second-degree murder, and, after imposing the credited 25-year sentence, ordered the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry to release Jones from prison.

On June 20, 2023, Jones filed a motion to dismiss, without prejudice to reinstatement pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, pursuant to Rule

1 41(a)(2) F. R. Civ. P and the parties' court-approved settlement agreement. (Doc. 387.) 2 On June 21, 2023, Jones appeared out of custody in federal court and the Court 3 heard argument on his unopposed motion to dismiss. After some discussion, the parties 4 agreed to orally amend the motion to request dismissal with prejudice, rather than 5 without. The Court accepted the in-court amendment and ordered the motion granted 6 with this formal order to follow. (Doc. 388.) 7 Therefore, 8 **(1)** Petitioner's Motion for Dismissal (Doc. 387), as amended, is **GRANTED**. 9 **(2)** Barry Jones's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is 10 DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. 11 (3) The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to unseal Court Document Numbers 375–378 12 and close this case. 13 IT IS SO ORDERED 14 Dated this 5th day of July, 2023. 15 /s/ Timothy M. Burgess 16 TIMOTHY M. BURGESS 17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28